

## **PILOT SHOVEL READY PROGRAM 3-13 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

Q – Will these sites receive any special preference or acknowledgement on the state's site and building database?

A – Shovel Ready certified sites will be marked as such on the database.

Q – Why only ten (10) pilot sites?

A – The Pilot Shovel Ready Program is brand new and we need to test the program and the State's ability to fast track permitting carefully before we grow the program aggressively.

Q – What agencies were involved in the creation of the program?

A – The Indiana Finance Authority is charged with running the program, but has worked with several State agencies in the planning and implementation of Shovel Ready. A State technical review team named the FASTeam (Fast Access Site Team) is composed of State employees from different agencies that have roles in the necessary permitting requirements. They include: the Indiana Finance Authority, Indiana Economic Development Corporation, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Indiana Department of Transportation, Indiana State Department of Health, Indiana State Department of Agriculture and Indiana State Department of Homeland Security.

Q – Are there any maximum or minimum acreage requirements to participate in the program?

A – There are no acreage restrictions for the pilot program.

Q – What are the eligible expenses that can be reimbursed?

A – Eligible expenses can be found on Appendix IX in the application and include application expenses that a community had to pay for directly (surveys, maps, photographs, environmental studies, etc.) that took place within one year of the application deadline date. A dollar for dollar match is required.

Q – Will any site visits be made?

A – Site visits will take place during the certification process for the most competitive applications.

Q – What are the minimum standards to participate in the program?

A – Community support, site control of property, infrastructure in place (or acceptable plan to bring infrastructure), and phase I environmental review complete. Please review page one of the Pilot Shovel Ready Program Application to complete screening questions designed to help you answer eligibility questions.

Q – Once my site has been certified what steps do I take to maintain the certification?

A – You must stay in compliance with the reporting requirements of the Site and Building Database Management System and report number of jobs on current site on an annual basis for five years once development is complete. The reporting time may be extended at the discretion of the IFA.

Q – If I am not awarded certification, how do I reapply for a future round?

A – You may re-submit for Shovel Ready certification by using your existing application for up to a one year period. In order to reapply, you must send a cover letter and any material changes to your original application to the IFA.